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Title: REFRIGERATING APPLIANCE AND DOOR FOR ONE
SUCH APPLIANCE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

DE 42 04 045 discloses a household appliance, a dishwasher in particular, has a door or a lid with control, display and/or operating components located on the door or the lid. These components are positioned on the side plane of the door or the lid facing the appliance body.

DE 100 51 075 discloses a procedure and the procedure involves; (1) preparing identical prefabricated panel carriers (2) preparing at least two differently shaped prefabricated panel stiffener; and (3) fastening each of the prepared panel stiffeners to each one of the prepared panel carriers on its front surface. At least one part of the panel stiffener is connected in non-detachable fashion with the panel carrier. At least one part of the panel stiffener is fastened to the panel carrier by a glue connection. At least one part of the panel stiffener is fastened to the panel carrier by welding, especially ultrasonic welding.

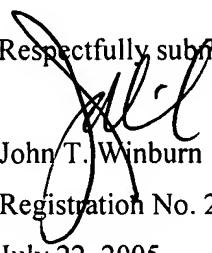
JP 2001 1 41 352 discloses a method to enhance cleaning performance while ensuring visibility in a refrigerator. First engaging part 32b of an exterior plate 28 engages in the engaging groove 45b of a packing 45 fitted to the outer circumferential fringe of a glass window 31. The stopping parts 40b, 40b of four panels 34, 35 of an interior plate 29 abut against the supporting part 45c of the packing 45 and positioned. The space defined by the packing 45, the exterior plate 28 and the interior plate 29 is filled with foamed heat insulating

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material 30. Under a state fixed to the refrigerator, the door 12 is provided, around the glass window 31 in the interior plate 29 facing the inner side of the refrigerator, with parts 40a, 40a inclining at an angle of about 45 deg. in the direction receding from the window 31 toward the inner side of the refrigerator.

If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned within the "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications, patents and/or publications, it is because no existing translation is readily available to the Applicants. As per the Notice in 1273 OG 55 (August 5, 2003) no copies of any above-mentioned US patents and US patent application publications are submitted for this application which was filed after June 30, 2003.

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